## Challenge in Sommers Case

# *Why No Retrials?*

George Gregory (Lib., Victoria) asked Attorney-General Robert Bonner yesterday to explain why he has not directed retrials in the Sommers bribery-conspiracy trials.

The jury did not reach a verdict on C. D. Schultz and his company, John M. Gray and B.C. Forest Products, all of whom were charged along with Sommers.

The attorney-general "must give a satisfactory explanation before he is entitled to the confidence of this House," Mr. Gregory said during his speech in the budget debate.

Mr. Gregory challenged Mr. Bonner to answer a number of questions on his handling of the Sommers case. The attorney-general will be first speaker at 2 p.m. today, but it is not known whether he will accept the challenge.

In more than several respects, Mr. Gregory charged, the attorney-general's behavior and that of the whole cabinet was very far in error.

He said Mr. Bonner will have an opportunity to answer the question he has asked and the members will be able to judge for themselves whether the government should resign.

It took the court five months to resolve only part of the Sommers case, he said, "yet the attorney-general undertook to do it in two hours and decided to do nothing, even though it was perfectly obvious that if Sommers were not guilty of taking bribes, Charles Eversfield, who had put his charges in the form of a statutory declaration, was guilty of perjury."

"If the attorney-general turned the statutory declaration over to Sommers, who was at the time . . . both a personal friend and a cabinet colleague, so that he could use it for personal gain," Mr. Gregory said, he was obviously guilty of the most serious breach of legal and moral integrity."

He pointed out only three men knew about the statutory declaration—David Sturdy and Mr. Eversfield who took it to Mr. Bonner and yet Sommers had full knowledge of it when he launched his slander and libel action, out of which he stood to gain financially.

"No one in the House asked for anything more than a proper investigation and appropriate action . . . to the end that any who appeared guilty might be prosecuted and any who appeared innocent might be freed of suspicion," Mr. Gregory said.

**COLD CURRENT**

The Benguela current is a cold stream from the Antarctic flowing in the Atlantic up the west coast of Africa.

**Death Plane Lifted**

Giant floating crane pulls up battered section of American Airlines plane which crashed into New York's East River. Plane apparently was shattered as it hit water while attempting a landing at La Guardia airport. Sixty-five persons died in the crash, which was blamed on poor landing signals.

# 'Premier Sets Pace'

Opposition Leader Robert Strachan yesterday accused Premier Bennett of "attacking me personally and the CCF as a group."

"I remember sitting in the galleries of this House before I was a member when we had another premier, who used to sit with his arms folded and listen quietly to what members said," Mr. Strachan explained.

"If there has been deterioration of decorum in this House the man who sets the pace is the premier," he charged. "It is due entirely to the fact we have a different type of premier. He sets the level of debate."

# Thrilling Contralto, Sombre Program

Several notable features marked the Sunday afternoon concert of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra at the Royal Theatre.

Most outstanding was the thrilling voice and delightful performance of Maureen Forrester, the internationally acclaimed Canadian contralto.

Of her many vocal attributes, quite superb richness in tone and quality are the most evident. Her singing is incomparable in the lower registers and has a tremendous fund of controlled power.

Second noteworthy feature was the fine contribution made by the Victoria Meistersingers, who assisted and echoed the contralto in Bhrams' "Alto Rhapsody."

Mr. Gruber's initial appearance, attired for the most vehement winter weather and equipped with earmuffs and one ski pole, got the program off to a happy start.

The items making up the seventh pair of concerts were well executed but, cumulatively, were somewhat on the heavy side.

Even Graham Steed's program notes reflected and underlined this effect with words such as "austerity," referring to Sibelius' "Tuonela;" "pessimism," referring to Goethe's "Harzreise im Winter"—words of the "Alto Rhapsody," and "Can't he be human, even in his play?" referring to Brahms' and the fourth symphony.

In two of the seven "Acadian Songs and Dances" by Virgil Thomson, sombreness was forgotten; elsewhere, it was always present. But this was never unintentional.

A late change in the program substituted two arias for alto and orchestra for "Five Songs for Dark Voice" by Harry Somers. The arias were Gluck's "Che faro senza Euridice" from "Orpheo ed Euridice" and Bach's "Prepare, thyself, Zion" from the "Christmas Oratorio."

The eighth pair of concerts take place Feb. 22 and 23. Concertmaster Clifford Evens will conduct and pianist Allan Blumenthal is the guest artist. Works of Smetana, Chopin, Moussorgski, Prokofief and Strauss make up the prokram.

**Weekend Tournament**

# *Winners Listed In Totem Bridge*

Winners of the Vancouver Island Totem bridge tournament held during the weekend at the Empress Hotel, were:

Men's pairs—1. Harry Brown and George Beale, 2. Jack Dunnett and W. Chisholm, 3. Leslie Stewart and Sam Duprau, 4. Frank Artlett and Eric Ware.

Women's pairs—1. Ethel Cleworth and Hilda Price, 2. Marjorie Beale and Elizabeth Warren, 3. Alma Halliday and Eve Hemmons, 4. Marjorie Crookston and Velma Acres.

Mixed pairs—1. Jean Moscrop and Mrs. D. MacMillan, Vancouver, 2. Jean Leighton and Norm Turnbull, Vancouver, 3. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Duprau, 4. Mr. and Mrs. George Beale, 5. Mrs. Ethel Cleworth and Bill Simpson-Baikie, 6. Louise Bampton, Vancouver, and Roland Perrin.

Open pairs—first session:

Section A, North-South—1. Mr. and Mrs. George Beale, 2. Lillie Hills, Vancouver, and Val MacMillan, Vancouver, 3. Gordon Rodger and Bud Waddington; East-West—1. Dolores Bick, Mercer Island, Wash., and A. Hicks, Vancouver, 2. Irene Abels and Elizabeth Waite, 3. Muriel Apnable, Vancouver, and Jean Moscrop, Vancouver.

Section B, North-South—1. Neil Ballard, Mercer Island, and D. LeFebre, Seattle, 2. Louise Bampton, Vancouver, and Freda Small, 3. Phil Beazley, Vancouver, and Norm Turnbull, Vancouver. East-West—1. Otto Leesment and George Yoxall, Yakima, 2. Max Stacklies, Vancouver, and Eric Stark, Vancouver, 3. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Lippman, Tacoma.

Open pairs—second session:

Section A, North-South—1. Max Stacklies, Vancouver, and Eric Stark, Vancouver, 2. Otto Leesment and George Yoxall, Yakima, 3. L. R. Whitney and Fran Roberts, Mercer Island; East-West—1. Doug Hawkes and George Morgan, 2. Lillie Hills and Val MacMillan, 3. Eric Ware and Larry MacMillan; Section B, North-South—1. Dolores Bick, Mercer Island, and A. Hicks, Vancouver, 2. Marie Reno, Seattle, and John Donnelly, Seattle, 3. Carl Koch, Seattle, and Adolf Koch, Seattle; East-West—1. William McConnell and Molly Collins, 2. Neil Ballard, Mercer Island, and D. LeFebvre, Seattle, 3. Phil Beazley, Vancouver, and Norm Turnbull, Vancouver.

Open pairs winners, Overall—1. Dolores Bick, Mercer Island, and A. Hicks, Vancouver, 2. Max Stacklies, Vancouver, and Eric Stark, Vancouver, 3. Neil Ballard, Mercer Island, and D. LeFebvre, Seattle, 4. Otto Leesment and George Yoxall, Yakima, 5. Phil Beazley, Vancouver, and Norm Turnbull, Vancouver, 6. Lillie Hills and Val MacMillan.

Esquimalt pairs—1. Eleanor McKee and Freda Small, 2. Arlie Mowry, Seattle, and M. Boucher, Seattle, 3. Mrs. Ann Kocutyn and Mrs. Neil Williamson.

Team of four—first session—1. Lisa Strebinger, Norm Turnbull, Max Stacklies, Eric Stark, Vancouver; 2. D. LeFebvre, Seattle, Jude Ballard, Mercer Island, Neil Ballard, Mercer Island, Dolores Bick; 3. Lillie Hills, Val MacMillan, Willie Weinstein, Adrian Hicks, Vancouver; 4. Carl Koch, Seattle, Margery Cagle, Mercer Island, Mrs. C. Koch, Seattle, Mr. Adolf Koch, Seattle.

Team of four—second session—1. Lisa Strebinger, Norm Turnbull, Max Stacklies, Eric Stark, Vancouver; 2. D. LeFebvre, Seattle, Jude Ballard, Mercer Island, Neil Ballard, Mercer Island, Dolores Bick, Seattle; 3. Ethel Cleworth, William Simpson-Baikie, Frank Artlett, Gordon Rodger.

Team of four, Overall—1. Lisa Strebinger, Norm Turnbull, Max Stacklies, Eric Stark, Vancouver; 2. D. LeFebvre, Jude Ballard, Neil Ballard, Dolores Bick, Seattle; 3. Velma Acres, Marg Crookston, Audrey Jorgensen, Bert Jorgensen.

Saanich pairs—1. Arlie Mowry and Marguerite Boucher, 2. Mrs. A. Halliday and Mrs. M. Ford, 3. Irene Abels and Margo Thieberger, 4. Ida Druce and Freda Small.

*Mrs. Jeanie Parker*

# Pioneer Victorian Buried Yesterday

Funeral services were held yesterday for one of Victoria's pioneer residents, Mrs. Jeanie Parker, 75, of 314 Cook, who died Thursday at Clovelly Private Hospital after living here for more than 60 years.

Last year, she received a centennial scroll from Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross.

She died and was buried on the same days of the year as her husband, the late Harry Parker, a former butcher and grocery store operator on Pandora, who died three years ago.

Before the First World War, Mrs. Parker played piano in a dance band and won prizes at waltz contests. She was a member of Christ Church Cathedral.

Mrs. Parker is survived by a sister, Mrs. D. Smith, Seattle, and nieces and nephews.

Canon George Biddle officiated at services at McCall Bros.' funeral home. Burial was in Colwood Burial Park.

# $5,400 Car Given Away By Rotary

Lady Luck in the shape of a shiny-faced little girl smiled on Richard Gill, 21, of 598 Speed, Saturday and drew a ticket that won him a 1959 model car worth $5,400 in a Rotary raffle.

Rotary president Maurice Green said the money raised is for Goodwill Enterprises Ltd., to aid the work of helping the handicapped.

The little girl, "Ann," was pushing a wheelchair with a woman in it when picked from a group of persons who had gathered to watch the draw in the War Amputations Hall, 1610 Oak Bay.

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Cougars 9.30-10.30 a.m.
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Beginners 4.00-6.00 p.m.
Commercial Hockey
Army vs. Aces 7.30 p.m.
Navy vs. Vics 9.00 p.m.
Victoria Press 10.30-11.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11
Minor Hockey 7.00-8.00 a.m.
Army (Comm.) 9.00-10.30 a.m.
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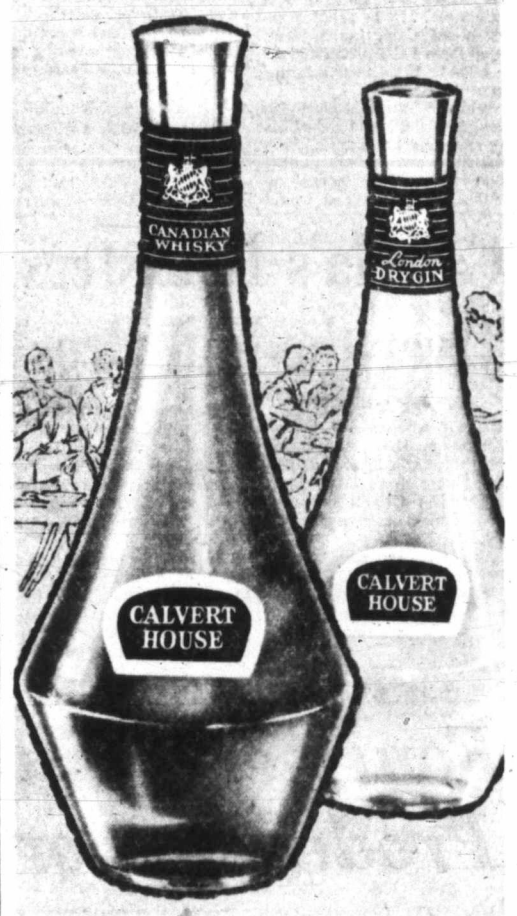


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